

Announcement in Southern Regional Languages on Metropolitan Railway Stations

1757. SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to start announcement of south bound trains in Southern regional languages on Metropolitan Railway Stations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in non-Hindi speaking states, announcements over Public Address System are made in the regional language(s) concerned besides in Hindi and English.

Rail fare on Hyderabad-Madras via Nadikudi route

1758. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distance of Railway line between Hyderabad and Madras via Nadikudi is less than that of the other railway routes between Hyderabad and Madras;

(b) if so, whether the fare on both the routes is almost the same;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the fare of the train running on Hyderabad-Madras via Nadikudi route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. The chargeable distance between Hyderabad and Madras via both the routes is same.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Daily running of Pune-Ahmedabad Express train

1759. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of Rajasthani Samaj and Gujarati Samaj in Pune have urged the Government to run Pune-Ahmedabad Express train daily; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request was examined but not found feasible.

Bridge at Chhitauni

1760. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated construction cost of Chhitauni railway bridge in Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh and whether the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have paid their shares and if so, the amount thereof, separately;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The estimated construction cost of Chhitauni-Bagaha Rail-cum-Road Bridge is Rs. 160 crores out of which Rs. 36 crores are to be borne by Government of Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 27 crores by Bihar in a phased manner. Of this, Government of Uttar Pradesh has so far paid Rs. 6 crores and Bihar Rs. 2 crores till 1989-90. They have